

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

DOCKET NO. 2017-305-E Order No. 2017-68-H

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Combination of Oral Arguments on ORS Motion to Amend and SCE&G Motion to Strike with Oral Arguments on SCE&G Motion to Dismiss – Argument and Briefing

HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

In order to allow for disposition of all outstanding motions in this Docket, parties will argue the ORS Motion to Amend and the SCE&G Motion to Strike on December 12, 2017 at 9 AM at the same hearing scheduled for SCE&G's Motion to Dismiss in this Docket. The procedure at oral arguments will be as follows:

- 1) SCE&G presents oral argument on its Motion to Dismiss;**
- 2) ORS presents its oral argument in opposition to the Motion to Dismiss, along with any other parties in the Docket opposing the Motion to Dismiss;**
- 3) SCE&G presents Reply argument, if appropriate.**

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- 1) ORS presents oral arguments on its Motion to Amend, along with any other parties in the Docket who favor the Motion to Amend;**
- 2) SCE&G presents oral arguments in opposition to the Motion to Amend, including its Motion to Strike, along with any other parties in the Docket who favor the SCE&G position.**
- 3) ORS presents oral arguments in Reply to opposition to Motion to Amend, if appropriate, and in opposition to Motion to Strike, along with any other parties in the Docket who favor the ORS position;**
- 4) SCE&G presents Reply argument, if appropriate, on opposition to the Motion to Strike.**

This Hearing Officer has already published a briefing schedule for the Motion to Dismiss. It is also desirable for those parties wanting to participate in oral arguments on the Motion to Amend and Motion to Strike to file briefs on their position, unless the parties believe that they have already filed sufficient documents outlining their positions with the Commission. In any event, since the oral arguments on the Motion to Amend and Motion to Strike are in multiple parts, the filing of briefs on these issues will not fit into the briefing schedule established for the Motion to Dismiss. Accordingly, for those parties desiring to file briefs on the Motion to Amend and Motion to Strike, the following schedule is hereby established:

- 1) On or before November 13, 2017, ORS and any Party of Record supporting ORS's Motion to Amend may file with the Commission a brief in support of that position and serve the brief on all other parties of record. The Certificate of Service and postmark must reflect service on or before November 13, 2017, to be timely.**
- 2) On or before November 20, 2017, SCE&G and any Party of Record opposing ORS's Motion to Amend and/or supporting SCE&G's Motion to Strike may file with the Commission a brief in support of those positions and serve the brief on all other parties of record. The Certificate of Service and postmark must reflect service on or before November 20, 2017, to be timely.**
- 3) On or before November 28, 2017, ORS and any Party of Record who may desire to file a Reply Brief to opposition to the Motion to Amend and/or in support of ORS's opposition to the Motion to Strike may file with the Commission a brief in support of those positions and serve the brief on all other parties of record. The Certificate of Service and postmark must reflect service on or before November 28, 2017 to be timely.**
- 4) On or before December 7, 2017, SCE&G and any Party of Record who may desire to file a Reply brief to opposition to the SCE&G Motion to Strike may file with the Commission a brief in support of its position and serve the brief on all other parties of record. The Certificate of Service and postmark must reflect service on or before December 7, 2017 to be timely.**

This ends the Directive.